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Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

I have been asked to respond to Ambassador Eisenhower's letter of 29 March 1973, proposing that all World War II Top Secret records held by the National Archives be downgraded to Secret in order to ease the clearance problem faced by National Archives.

This Agency hereby downgrades to Secret all Top Secret World War II documents in the custody of the Archivist of the United States for which CIA is the responsible Agency. We also agree to a similar downgrading for Top Secret World War II documents which are the responsibility of other departments but are of concern to CIA. The above of course does not apply to documents or information originating with foreign governments, where the requirements of the originating government or the special circumstances of acquisition must be respected.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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